

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

*Sub C1 >* 1. (Twice Amended) A unitary box blank formed from a plastics material and comprising a plurality of hinge elements connecting and fused to a plurality of panels for forming sides of the box, the hinge elements being formed from a different plastics material than the panels.

*Sub C3 >* 9. (Amended) A unitary box blank comprising a plurality of panels connected by and fused to hinge elements, the panels including structural panels for forming the sides of the box and load bearing panels, the load bearing panels being connected to the structural panels by hinge elements formed not perpendicular to the intended direction of load support provided by the load bearing panels, the panels and hinge elements being formed from plastics.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the application, and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of each of the claims as amended.

The office action rejected claims 1-8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. First, the office action asserted that the phrase of claim 1 describing "different plastics materials" could be interpreted as having more than one meaning. In response to this rejection, Applicant has amended claim 1 to describe the hinge elements as being formed from a different plastics material than the panels.